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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Weather-Based Financial Instruments**
Inventors: Corby *et al.*
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. Return postcard.

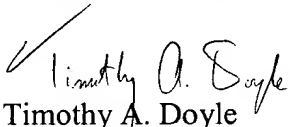
It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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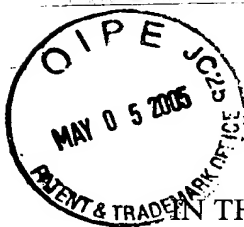
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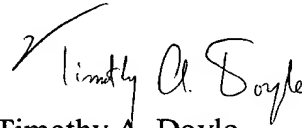
In reply to the Office Action dated **April 28, 2005**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No./Mail Date 04212005), requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group III, represented by claims 11-13. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. This election is made without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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